



**AN INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON
MAKING ANTI-CORRUPTION WORK**

Stockholm, Sweden
January 13, 2010

- Why this seminar

On August 24, 2009, Ms Gunilla Carlsson, the Swedish Minister for Development Cooperation, launched two challenges intended to make a difference in the fight against corruption.

1. What is required of development assistance in a world where corruption is a fact?

She gave 100 days to the Director General of the Swedish Development Evaluation Agency to answer this question by developing 10 innovative proposals to make development assistance more effective and also support the fight against corruption.

2. How can 50 million crowns (5M €) of innovative anti-corruption initiatives make a difference in fighting corruption in Africa?

The general public as well as professionals from all walks of life thinking about or working on these issues are invited to come forward to present their creative ideas or projects that could become part of a new regional anti-corruption initiative for Africa.

At the end of the one hundred days, on December 4, 2009, a workshop was held to propose and present some innovative ideas that could form part of the regional innovative initiative for Africa.

On December 9, 2009, the international anti-corruption day, Ms Carlsson publicly presented her ideas for opening up aid and her vision for 'Aid 2.0' that could deliver aid more effectively and with less corruption. Ms Gunilla Törnqvist, the Director General of SADEV also presented her 10 proposals, a starting point for a rethink of how Sweden should work with delivering aid to the ultimate beneficiaries without corruption.

Right now these are just ideas and visions that will need commitment and contributions from a broad spectrum of stakeholders across society to become reality. How can these ideas and proposals be converted into concrete proposals and programmes?

What kind of actions can be envisaged? What is needed to make them work? How can different stakeholders support these initiatives? Can and will they deliver on their promise?

We think that the challenges by Ms Carlsson are challenges also to stakeholders inside and outside Sweden, to academia, to civil society, to consultants, to donors, to Government agencies and to others working in the development field, but also to the private sector and to the media.

SIPU International is a consulting and training company in governance and public administration working around the world. **Tiri** is a non-governmental organization dedicated to making integrity work and to promoting new ways of fighting corruption.

We come from different backgrounds and work from different perspectives. But we both believe that if corruption is to be kept in check all actors in public life need to promote the cause of integrity, not just with words but also with deeds.

- What is the aim of the seminar?

We have taken the initiative to organize this international seminar to explore together how the proposals emanating out of the ministerial challenges can be made operational and effective 'on the ground' in the diverse and often difficult realities of countries targeted by development cooperation in Africa, in transition countries and elsewhere.

Although the impetus for Ms Carlsson's challenges were serious incidents of alleged corruption in Swedish-funded development programmes, safeguarding integrity and controlling corruption are not issues just for 'others'. Is zero tolerance against corruption possible? Our own behaviour at home and in international trade and business can be a positive as well as a negative force. The seminar will also discuss how and to what extent the private sector can make a difference.

In particular, the specific objectives of the seminar are to:

- Generate additional 'outside-the-box' ideas to fight corruption
- Assess the practical feasibility and potential impact of the proposals on corruption
- Recommend promising areas where the proposals can be tested in real life
- Suggest concrete ways and means to make them work on the ground
- Explore how seminar participants and other actors can help make the initiatives a success

After the seminar, SIPU and Tiri will summarize the recommendations and suggestions and propose next steps. This short paper will be distributed to all participants and also posted on the websites.

- How is the seminar organized?

The seminar will consist of panel discussions followed by questions and discussion with the audience on the two main themes. The panel discussions will be followed up by interactive round-table group discussions together with the panelists to explore the way forward in detail. See the attached programme.

The language of the seminar will be English

- Who are the panelists?

We have invited a panel of distinguished people who in different capacities and contexts have tried and succeeded in ‘making a difference’. With their hands-on practical experience, they are ideally placed to reflect on the initiatives and proposals, and to map out a way forward to make them effective reality. Among the panelists confirmed so far are:

- **Ivan Krastev**, Ivan Krastev is a political scientist and Chairman of Board of the Centre for Liberal Strategies in Bulgaria. He is also council member of the International Institute for Security Studies in London. He has thought and written about corruption in various contexts, and also the author of *Shifting Obsessions: Three Essays on the Politics of Anticorruption*.
- **Nana Tanko**, a sociologist and demographer by training, is Executive Director of the Open Society Initiative for West Africa, based in Dakar, part of the Soros network that promotes the ideals of an open society where functioning democracy, good governance, the rule of law, basic freedoms, and citizens' empowerment prevail. She has also been involved in setting up a Nigerian Women's Empowerment Network to support capacity building of grassroots NGOs, and also had an academic career as university dean.
- **Augustin Nzindukiyimana** is the Deputy Ombudsman of Rwanda in Charge of Fight against Corruption. Prior to becoming Deputy Ombudsman in late 2006, he was Permanent Secretary of the Office of the Ombudsman and Commissioner in the Legal and Constitutional Commission. Professional wise, he has had his earlier carrier in Coffee Sector where he has held different responsibilities.
- **Michela Wrong**, a British reporter and author who has worked extensively as a foreign correspondent covering events across the African continent for Reuters, the BBC and the Financial Times. She is the author of several books, including *In the Footsteps of Mr Kurtz*, about the Zaire's President Mobutu, and just recently, *It's Our Turn to Eat: The Story of a Kenyan Whistle-Blower*, the story of John Githongo, the Kenyan journalist and civil society who exposed large-scale corruption at high levels in Kenya.
- **Harald Mathisen**, co-director of the U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre in Bergen. And political scientist at the Chr. Michelsen Institute in Norway, with a wide geographical and topical experience within the field of governance and anti-corruption.
- **Ari Kokko**, Professor of International Economics at Copenhagen Business School. He is also Director of the China Economic Research Center at the Stockholm School of Economics. Previously he was professor at the European Institute of Japanese Studies. He is also a well-known scholar an advisor on economic development in Vietnam.

Among those to be confirmed:

- **Nuhu Ribadu**, a lawyer by training and a long-serving police officer by profession, was head of Nigeria's anti-corruption body, the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, from 2003 until his removal in 2007. In those few years he demonstrated that it was possible to effectively tackle grand corruption with limited means and in a short time, even in an environment of entrenched mega-corruption, but also that sustaining such efforts over the long haul is a challenge that is yet to be overcome. He has also served on several economic, public sector reform and anti-corruption commissions and teams.

The discussions will be moderated by:

- **Fredrik Galtung**, Chief Executive and co-founder of Tiri. He has consulted on strategic corruption control in more than forty countries, working with governments, international organisations, several companies, foundations and governments and development agencies. He began his international career as the founding staff member and Head of Research of Transparency International.
- **Hans Norgren**, Senior Consultant, and former director and partner, at SIPU International. He has worked with institutional development, leadership and management issues and human resource development for more than twenty years in some dozen countries in Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe. He has also worked in the Swedish public sector for trade unions.

- Who should attend?

This seminar will be of value to all who are working on or confronted with issues of integrity and anti-corruption, in business, in public agencies, in academia, in civil society, or are involved in development cooperation, as donors, as consultants and as partners.

- How do you register and what does it cost?

Please register online on the SIPU website www.sipuinternational.se/seminar

The cost for the seminar is SEK 2900 or Euro 285 (inclusive of 25% Swedish VAT SEK 580). This includes participation, seminar kit, refreshments morning and afternoon, and lunch.

We have kept the cost as low as possible to encourage a wide participation; it is intended just to cover the direct costs of the venue and the participation of the panelists. SIPU and Tiri are contributing their own time and expenses for free.

The seminar is open to everybody with an interest in the subject. Note that the registration deadline has been extended to Friday January 8th, because of the Epiphany holiday, and exceptionally until Monday January 11. Places are only guaranteed upon payment of the seminar fee.

Refunds before December 21 are free of charge. Refunds before January 6 will be made minus 10% handling cost. No refund after January 6.

SIPU International has corporate discount agreements with several conveniently located hotels in Stockholm.

Please contact Ms Leila Guici for further information concerning registration and logistics.

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Where and when will it be held?

The seminar will be held at Clarion Hotel Sign in Stockholm on January 13, 2009 - from 8h30 to 17h30. This new hotel and conference center is located at Norra Bantorget close to the Central Station in downtown Stockholm.

SIPU International and Tiri welcome you attend to this jointly organized seminar. For further information on the seminar programme please contact:

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PROGRAMME

**Corruption – Can it be cured?
An international seminar on making anti-corruption work**

January 13, 2010

*At Clarion Hotel Sign,
Östra Järnvägsgatan 35, Norra Bantorget, Stockholm, Sweden*

Time		Event	Facilitator	Where
8:30	9:00	Registration	Secretariat	Plenary Room
9:00	9:15	Welcome and introduction	Tiri & SIPU	Plenary Room
9:15	9:30	Presentation of panel members	Moderator	Plenary Room
9:30	9:40	Discussion Theme: 10 proposals to make aid effective in a world where corruption is a fact	Moderator	Plenary Room
9:40	10:40	Panel discussion	Moderator	Plenary Room
10:40	11:00	Coffee & Tea Break		Outside Plenary
11:00	12:00	Q&A with audience	Moderator	Plenary Room
12:00	13:10	LUNCH		
13:10	13:20	Discussion Theme: Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative for Africa	Moderator	Plenary Room
13:20	14:20	Panel Discussion	Moderator	Plenary Room
14:20	15:00	Q&A with audience	All	Plenary Room
15:00	15:30	Coffee & Tea Break		Outside Plenary
15:30	16:30	Group Discussion – How to implement the 10 proposals	Moderator 1	Plenary Room
15:30	16:30	Group Discussion – How the implement the Regional Initiative	Moderator 2	Group Room
16:30	16:50	Summary of Group discussions	Rapporteurs	Plenary Room
16:50	17:10	Questions & Discussion	Moderator	Plenary
17:10	17:25	Closing speech	A Panelist	Plenary Room
17:25	17:30	Closing	SIPU & Tiri	Plenary Room